

**METHOD AND SYSTEM IN AN ELECTRONIC SPREADSHEET FOR
HANDLING USER-DEFINED OPTIONS IN A COPY/CUT - PASTE
OPERATION**

Abstract

5 The present invention relates to the field of information
processing by digital computers, and more particularly to a
method and system, in an electronic spreadsheet, for handling
user-defined options during a copy/cut - paste operation when the
source range of cells comprises one or a plurality of cells with
10 user-defined options and when the destination environment does
not necessarily defines the same user-defined options as the ones
defined in the source environment. The method of handling
user-defined options during a copy and paste or a cut and paste
operation comprises the steps of:

- 15 • defining one or a plurality of combinations, each combination
comprising one or a plurality of options;
- defining a source cell range and a destination cell range;
- defining an operation to execute, either copy and paste, or
cut and paste;

20 for each defined option combination comprising one or a plurality
of options, if at least one cell in the source cell range
comprises a reference to said one or plurality of options,

- computing the content of each cell within the source cell
range according to said one or plurality of options;
- 25 • creating a version instance of the destination cell range;
- copying the source range of cells into said version instance.

when the last option combination is copied,

- clearing the source cell range if the operation is cut and
paste.